



Minutes of the Regular NEC Meeting, May 21, 2019

Members Present: Audrey Webb, Crissie Crusemire, Kari Buchanan, Rooney Rosmer, Nicole Weisstanner, Karen Forget, Roberto Lovick, Andrew Haas, Megan Hale, Harry Kenyon, Debora Mosher, Sharon Smith, Sue Williams, Cynthia Shurling, Theresa Dunleavy

Members Excused: Juan Morgan, Stephen Leaman, Ken Parker.

Members Absent: Bethal Abraham, Mary-Carson Stiff.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Mary Keough, Seamus McCarthy, Kristen Lentz, Fleta Jackson.

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair.
2. Presentation: Kristen Lentz, Director of Utilities
  - a. Ms. Lentz gave an overview of the state of Norfolk's water system. Norfolk has sufficient water supply to meet projected water needs of our residents, businesses, and military installations. Norfolk is very drought resistant and has many diverse sources of water.
3. Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
4. Director's Report:
  - a. Repairs continue on the EMC.
  - b. The HHW/E waste center closing has been shifted to June 30. SPSA will take over July 1.
  - c. Clean Out to Clean-Up: 179 cars, Goodwill collected 4670 pounds of household goods and electronics. 4500 pounds of paper shredded.
  - d. Great American Cleanup: May 3, Paint the Park, 90 volunteers, 180 lbs. of litter, 400lbs woody debris. May 4, KNB Day, ERT cleanup, 117 volunteers, 1,748 lbs. litter.
  - e. Clean the Bay Day scheduled for June 1. Will have 47 sites and a boat coalition.
  - f. Currently have straw-free restaurant initiative rolling out in June.
5. Old Business
  - a. Awards Committee announced first three winners of the Eco Stewards Awards: Betsy Brichter, Kevin Jamison, and Kate Melhuish. Further nominations should be in by June 11.
  - b. Sharon reported that promotional materials have been ordered for NEC: flag, tablecloth, and NEC notecards.
  - c. Crissie reported on her research at Granby High cafeteria, Styrofoam trays. However, some trays end up in.
6. New Business:
  - a. Speaker for June – Stephen Leaman, Norfolk Tug Company.
  - b. Bay Oaks Park is open after 15 years of work.

7. FONE:
  - a. Cynthia reported \$50,000 Arbor Day Foundation Grant and Bank of America has also provided monies. Funds to be used for 4 legacy grove park projects at 2 schools and 2 parks, a community garden and urban farm.
8. Seamus announced a free Sustainable Shoreline and Wetlands Seminar on June 22, 8:30to 12 at EMC.
9. Karen announced a May 28 meeting at the Ted Constant Center re. offshore wind, Saturday, June 1, 10 am, a free movie by National Geographic, "Paris to Pittsburgh". HRPDC is alerting residence to buy flood insurance. Uranium mining companies have sued the state of Virginia re. its ban on uranium mining. Ruling shortly.

The meeting was adjourned.